# GROWING OUR OWN FREE WORKSHOP SERIES

Presented by Local Matters and OSU Extension



Networking • Learning • Refreshments and meals • Giveaways

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 12:00am-2:00pm

### Art and Gardens

Artists and growers, don't miss this opportunity to connect creatives with gardeners who are interested in having creative input and art in their gardens. Artists **Melissa Vogley-Woods** and **Elena Harvey Collins** will discuss planning, funding and shared visions. Lunch provided. Facilitated by **Trish Dehnbostel** of Local Matters.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 9:00am-12:00pm

# Grow Year-Round: Hoop Houses, Low Tunnels & Cold Frames

Learn how to grow food and herbs year round! Join us for an information session on the wide range of ways that we can all extend the midwest seasons. Featuring a presentation from **Hal Kneen** with OSU Extension. Leave the workshop with inspiration and building plans.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24 9:00am-1:00pm

#### Fruits and Berries

**Mark Mechling** and **Mark Landefeld** of OSU Extension will lead this two-part workshop about fruit and berries, the most in-demand local crop.

Learn the basics of fruit tree growing and care and, plus ways to include healthy, delicious berries in your meals. You'll also learn about the best sources to purchase fruit trees and berries in Ohio.

Includes a tasting of local fruits for all attendees. Yum!

# JUNE 16 11:00am-1:00pm

# **Building and Testing Soil**

A portion of the workshop will be devoted to reading your individual soil tests. We'll determine the types and amounts of soil amendments to balance and enhance your soil. Growers will also be able to sign up for their own soil test.

Veteran garden educator **Mike Hogan** of OSU Extension will discuss building soil and techniques to create a rich ground for growing food.

All workshops <u>EXCEPT</u> Growing Communities will be located at **Godman Guild:** 

303 E. 6th St. Columbus OH 43201

# SAT/SUN, FEBRUARY 11 & 12 8:30am-4:00pm

# **Growing Communities**

LOCATION: AUDUBON CENTER

505 W Whittier St

Longtime community organizers **Noreen Warnock** and **Trish Dehnbostel** of Local Matters will facilitate this award-winning 2-day workshop designed by the **American Community Gardening Association.** You'll gain skills and strategies to work with the most important aspect of gardens—people.

Attendees will learn proven strategies to build dynamic leaders and create strong gardening programs, using a participatory approach to community building.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 3 9:00am-1:00pm

# **Planning and Seeding Your Garden**

Join **Pam Bennett** from OSU Extension for essential garden planning tips and learn how to grow your own seedlings. Growers can increase diversity and healthy plants in their gardens, adding more to our kitchens and plates with heirloom plants and successful growing tips for lush gardens. All attendees will also receive free seeds!

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21 10:00am-12:00pm

#### Mushrooms!

Join the owners of **Green Edge Gardens** to learn how to grow your own delicious mushrooms from start to finish.

We'll conclude by sharing mushroom and local herb pizza!

# SATURDAY, MAY 19 9:00am-12:00pm

# **Irrigating Urban Gardens**

**Dr. Larry Brown** and **Angelica Huerta** from OSU will lead this hands-on workshop to learn how to build irrigation systems that will allow you to grow higher-yielding crops with less labor.

# SATURDAY, JUNE 2 10:00am-12:00pm

# Water Harvesting: Methods, Care, and Resources

Local experts **Rain Brothers** will talk about programs for discounted or free rain barrels, how to care for rain barrels and cisterns, winterization and other helpful tips.

You'll also receive materials for planning and planting rain gardens to direct water for individual growers needs.







Please RSVP to Cole Wardell cwardell@local-matters.org 614-263-5662